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Please amend claims 4 and 8 as follows:

4. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

A1  
A2  
B1  
(a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:1; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence that is completely complementary to a nucleotide sequence of (a)-(b).

A2  
A3  
B2  
8. (Amended) A nucleic acid vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 4.

Please add the following new claims 24-28:

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*133* -- 24. A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 9 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide, and recovering said polypeptide.

*8* ~~26~~. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

*A3* *3* ~~26~~. The vector of claim *2* ~~8~~, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, a virus, and a bacteriophage.

*4* ~~27~~. The vector of claim *2* ~~8~~, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is inserted into said vector in proper orientation and correct reading frame such that a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2 may be expressed by a cell transformed with said vector.

*5* ~~28~~. The vector of claim *4* ~~27~~, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is operatively linked to a promoter sequence. --